

# SPEECH LANGUAGE MILESTONES: THE SECOND YEAR

## Language & Play Dates

### 12 TO 15 MONTHS

- Identifies a few body parts and early prepositions (in, on, out)
- Follow simple directions, like "Roll the ball"
- Imitates new words and animal sounds
- Begins trying to say a few words on their own, may say up to 10 words

### 15 MONTHS TO 18 MONTHS

- Point to items of interest and back to adult to show and SHARE the enjoyment
- Can identify 6 body parts or clothing items
- Follows simple directions for items not in sight, like "Go find your shoes".
- Understands at least 50 words
- Has a vocabulary between 10-50 Words & Uses Jargon

### 18 MONTHS TO 24 MONTHS

- Understands between 150-300 words
- Follows a variety of verbal directions
- Able to shift attention from a toy to a person while playing
- Speaks at least 50 words (up to ~200 words!)
- Begins to use simple phrases, like "more cheese"
- Uses a variety of consonant & vowel sounds correctly
- Uses gestures and pointing to support words
- Begins to recognize their feelings and those of others

### WAYS TO ENCOURAGE

- Model, Model, Model!
- Watch and comment on what they are doing
- Expand single words to 2-word phrases using a variety of sentence types (e.g. requesting, labeling, action, turn taking, etc.)